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Everyone with half a mind knows that. Regulation, supposedly in the public interest, has failed miserably in the communications business.

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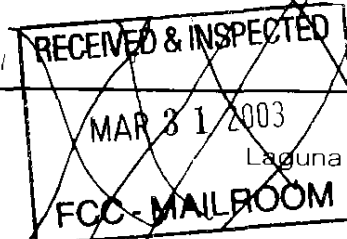
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